

Homemaking—

Christmas Package Designs Can Be Copied Easily at Home

UP-TO-DATE SUGGESTIONS for Christmas gift wrapping are found in the package designs which smart stylists have created this year with "Cellophane" cellulose film. Using decorated or plain color wrapping, bright ribbon and fabricated ornaments of the film, designers have developed many different effects that are easily copied.

High spots in the new color combination are red, white and blue packages. On a box wrapped in clear film—crinkled to give it a frosted effect—the tri-color design is carried out with three small pompoms made of transparent drinking straws. Another package is wrapped across the center with a clear strip, and then banded on one side with red and on the other with blue. It is finished with a generous bow of opaque ribbon of the film, in white with a red edge and a blue one.

A third variation of this color scheme is worked out with wrapping printed with silver and blue stars. Red ribbon of the film ties the package.

New fabricated ornaments of "Cellophane" for package adornment—and tree trimming, too—are "icicles" made of drinking straws, wired and flattened, and then twisted into spirals; also expanding red bells and balls that can be folded flat, similar to tissue balls, for convenient mailing of the package.

Use Icicles

The "icicles" which come in assorted colors, may be fashioned into figures of quaint dolls for children's gift packages. Use two red ones for arms, and two yellow ones for legs. Make the head with a bell of laminated film in blue and apply the features with bits of colored Scotch tape. Assemble the parts with spool wire, add a ribbon neck-bow, and fasten to a box wrapped half in blue and half in yellow. Complete with four horizontal strips of holiday ribbon of the film.

Many of the fancy wrapping sheets of "Cellophane" are so Christmasy that they need nothing more than a ribbon bow. Designs of trees, stars, bells, reindeer and other holiday symbols are effectively outlined with white rayon on colored backgrounds. Similar motifs are applied with white rayon. A new style printed wrapping has an embossed background. An unusual ribbon combines corrugated film with plain transparent, in alternate stripes.

For good-to-eat gifts, transparent wrapping is much favored because it permits the appetizing food to show through and heightens its appeal with color and sparkle. A plum pudding or a fruit cake looks festive when wrapped in an amber sheet decorated with a sprig of holly, and presented on a glass plate. A candy Christmas tree may be formed by arranging squares of fudge on a triangle of cardstock. Wrap in clear sheet, edge with a garland of tinsel and "Cellophane," and then overwrap.

Tree Ornaments

Three or four cookies cut in star shape make cute tree ornaments when wrapped together and given a ribbon loop for a hanger. To dress up a jar of jelly, cover it with a transparent sheet, and apply a face with colored Scotch Tape. Add digitals with braided strips of amber film, a hat made from a lace transparent dolly—and the gift will be as amusing as well as good to eat. The simplest present becomes exciting when the package is novel and gay.

Wasson's has a box of Swedish wrapping essentials which will take care of approximately 15 of your most important packages for a dollar.

The paper itself is a heavy weave printed with wide gay stripes in red, blue and a sort of purple that gives the sheets a blended effect. Two kinds of cord are there in the box. One is a sturdy cord made of red, white and blue strands and the other is a roll of wide, rough-paper ribbon with fringed edges and designs in red on the oatmeal color it comes in. Finally there is a full supply of red and oatmeal tags and cards, of the same material as the ribbon and decorated with Christmas little figures—angels and children and amusing animals.

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Legion Groups Plan Parties

Christmas activities are claiming the attention of American Legion Auxiliary groups.

Canned goods for Christmas baskets to be given needy families will be brought to the Christmas party of the ROBERT E. KENNINGTON UNIT 34 Thursday.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Leo S. Murray, 3803 N. New Jersey St. A gift exchange will follow under the direction of Mrs. Charles McCoy. Final plans for Christmas welfare will be discussed by Mrs. Glen L. O'Connor, the welfare chairman, and Mrs. Thomas Fagan, the rehabilitation chairman. Mesdames John Carmody, Murray, Thomas Maley, Fagan, Clarence Lapp and Thomas Randall have been assisting with the sale of tuberculosis seals in the city.

The PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY of the Hayward-Barcus Auxiliary was to entertain with a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange at 12:30 p. m. today at the Business and Professional Women's Clubhouse.

Favors and appointments were to be in holiday colors. Mrs. Orlando Little was to present the Christmas story, "The Shepherd Who Stayed Behind."

Attending the party were to be Mesdames J. E. Barcus, Ben Wheat, William P. Weimar, Carlos Morris, Edward L. Snyder, Earl Kyle, Jean S. Boyle, Claire Brengle, Ralph H. Kline and Joseph P. Lutz. Parley chairman, Mrs. William S. Hegue was to be hostess.

Mrs. George Swaim, chairman of community service for the INDIANAPOLIS POST 4 Auxiliary, has appointed the following members to assist with the sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals in downtown stores: Mesdames Clarence Jackson, John Edmonds, W. R. McGeehan, J. F. Cramp and E. P. Brennan.

The regular meeting of the HAMILTON-BERRY CHAPTER, SERVICE STAR LEGION, held a Christmas luncheon recently with Mrs. O. L. Watkins, 2415 N. Pennsylvania St. Mrs. William L. Horn and Mrs. O. E. Green were assistant hostesses.

Honor guest was Mrs. D. M. Parry, honorary president. Mrs. Charles K. McDowell, president, presided. There was a gift exchange and Miss Isabel Parry presented a program of piano selections, including several of her own compositions. Mrs. Harry H. Sohn, Columbus, also was a guest.

Gift Exchange Arranged

The Riverside Kindergarten Mothers' Club will have its annual Christmas party and gift exchange at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow at the kindergarten.

JANE JORDAN

A woman whose husband has spoiled their marriage by drinking to excess wishes me to write a column on the handling of an alcoholic. She has given up hope of her husband's cure. She knows better than to exact promises from him. She only wants to know how to handle him when he has been drinking. She has tried letting him alone and it makes him mad. She's been beaten several times but can't leave because she has children and no means of supporting them.

The drunkard's wife has to run her household as if it contained a semi-invalid. She lives a life of uncertainty and is keyed up to a perpetual state of fear and apprehension. She exists in a welter of unpleasant excitement, dissatisfaction and distress. Her lot is envied by none. All she can do is to understand the problem as best she can and avoid the conditions which bring on an all-out attack.

Alcoholism is a nervous and mental problem, the causes of which often reach far back into the drinker's childhood. It is most often brought on by defective early training such as a combination of parental spoiling and dominance which results in emotional immaturity. Chronologically an adult, the drinker is still an undisciplined child on the emotional side and must be handled as such unless he sees the problem himself and wants to change.

Unequipped to bear the strains of reality, the drinker seeks to shirk adult responsibilities. Alcohol blunts his self-control faculties and enables him to indulge in primitive or child-like states of mind which are normally inhibited because of the necessity of conforming to civilized standards. He feels tense, nervous and insecure and drinks to find relief from disagreeable tension.

Under the influence of alcohol he achieves a spurious superiority. At last he feels equal to his environment. He no longer feels the necessity of keeping hostility under control but beats his wife without remorse. He regresses to drooling, infantile behavior without self-condemnation. Of course, he doesn't want to be ignored in this condition. He wants attention, like any other baby.

The states of mind most diligently sought by the drunkard are calmness and happiness. When sober the confirmed alcoholic often will admit that he hasn't enjoyed his drinking for years. Sometimes it is possible to reach him in these sober states and convince him that the real dividends in life are derived from self-respect, success, independence and the regard of his fellowman. If he has a real desire to achieve a different level of conduct he can be helped, although it usually is necessary to remove him to an institution until he gets on his feet.

There are no set rules for getting along with a drunk when he is in his cups. There are many different ways of dealing with the situation as there are individuals. Sometimes it cannot be done at all and the only thing to do is to call the doctor or the police and forcibly restrain the alcoholic until he comes to a more normal state of mind. As long as there is an officer of the law within call there is no necessity for you to be beaten. There isn't much I can say to help you except to avoid the state of tension which brings on an attack of drinking as best you can, and to remain as calm and uncritical as possible while the man is inebriated. JANE JORDAN.

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H. A. C. Plans Yule Program

More than 170 reservations already have been received by the Hoosier Athletic Club for its New Year's Eve Dance, Dec. 31. Bob Sylvester's CBS orchestra from Chicago has been engaged for the event, replacing Vincent Burns band originally booked.

Mrs. Leo Steffen, president of the H. A. C. Woman's Guild, announced today that the proceeds from the group's Christmas party Friday were enough to clothe several children. The Boosters, men's organization, raised \$50 at its party, which was to be given to a charitable organization early this week.

The next Christmas party on the Hoosier's list is to be for members' children. It will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p. m. in the Zephyr Room. In charge will be Miss Rosalyn Ludwig, dancing instructor at the club. She is arranging decorations, entertainment and games.

Saturday the club will stage its annual Christmas Dance. Doc Grayson's orchestra will play Christmas decorations will be used in the Zephyr Room and there will be a large Christmas tree.

P-T. A. News—

The Rev. Stewart W. Hartfelder, assistant pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, will speak on "The Family's Spiritual Needs" at the SCHOOL 84 Study Club meeting at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

SCHOOL 7 will open its P-T. A. meeting at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday with Miss Corinne Frye as general chairman. Miss Mae Henri Lane and Miss Theresa Carroll will direct a program of Christmas music by the Mothers' and Girls' Chorus, a play, "Christmas Windows," by all grades, and a Christmas tea.

Miss Lena Swope, principal of SCHOOL 39, will direct pupils in a Nativity pageant Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Gladys Hendricks will direct the chorus background music.

THE WARREN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL P-T. A. will meet Wednesday for a covered dish supper, from 6:15 to 7:30 p. m., with the parents of Grade 9 pupils as honor guests. Following the supper, arranged by Mrs. R. C. Mahrling, the school will give a Christmas pageant. The Grades 8 and 9 Chorus and Senior Chorus will sing.

A Christmas play will be given at the CROOKED CREEK P-T. A. meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the school gymnasium. Miss Marjory Golder will be in charge.

Mrs. Roscoe Swails will preside at the OLD HICKORY COLLEGE P-T. A. meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in the school gymnasium. Pupils of Mrs. Lola Carmichael and Miss Frances Beasley will present "Santa Claus on the Air" which will be followed by group singing of carols led by Mrs. James Kelly and Miss Virginia Cotton.

SCHOOL 25'S program, to be given at 2:15 p. m. Thursday, will be the story of Christmas given by the verse speaking choir of the school, with choral response by children of all grades.

Miss Wilma Sonnefeld will direct SCHOOL 69 pupils in "Why the Chimes Rang" Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. The Mothers' Chorus will sing.

All classes at the POTTER FRESH AIR SCHOOL will join in presenting a Christmas program at 1:30 p. m. Thursday. Junior High School pupils will give "The Coming of the King" and the three school choruses will provide music.

CRISPUS ATTUCKS HIGH SCHOOL'S P-T. A. program Thursday at 3 p. m. will consist of carols by the music department, a Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," read by Muriel Woods, a talk on Christmas, past and present, in other lands by Russell Lane, principal, and community singing around the Christmas tree. Mrs. Mary Southern, chairman, will have charge of refreshments to follow the program.

PLEASANT RUN P-T. A. study groups will meet Thursday at 10:30 a. m. for covered dish luncheon. Group 1 will meet at the home of Mrs. George Gressell, 5612 E. 21st St., and Group 2 with Mrs. Howard Sanders, 23d St. and Pasadena Ave. Mrs. M. K. Griessbach, 6110 E. 10th St., will entertain members of Group 3.

"The Magic Christmas Bell," an operetta, will be given by the CUMBERLAND P-T. A. at 7:45 p. m. in the school building.

Teachers at the GARDEN CITY SCHOOL will be in charge of the Christmas program Thursday at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Dale Diefenderfer will preside.

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P-T. A. Maps Its Legislative Program

May Ask Popular Election of Board

Support of a bill providing for election of boards of school trustees by popular vote on non-partisan ballots probably will be a feature of the legislative program of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers at the coming General Assembly.

Formation of the legislative program was under way today at an executive committee meeting of the Congress at the Claypool Hotel. Mrs. Robert Shank, legislative chairman, presided at the meeting called by Mrs. James L. Murray, president.

Seek Commissioner

Support of a constitutional amendment providing for appointment of a Commissioner of Education rather than election of a Superintendent of Public Instruction also was under consideration. Other items being discussed were three bills to be presented to the Legislature by the Indiana Citizens Committee on Child Welfare Legislation, dealing with adoption, children born out of wedlock and juvenile courts. The Indiana Teachers' Safety Council's program also was presented at the meeting for consideration, as was that of the joint commission on legislation of the State Teachers' Association.

Merit System Included

Extension of the merit system again will be an item on the legislative program. Under consideration was re-establishment of the state school attendance division and revision of the composition of the State Board of Education to permit four-year terms staggered as to appointment, and formed of persons representative of all departments of school service, including higher institutions of learning.

Mrs. Taggart Hostess

Mrs. John Taggart, 2012 N. Delaware St., will be hostess for the Christmas meeting of the Women's Memorial Association to the 38th Division, U. S. A., at noon tomorrow. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Taggart. She will be assisted by the Mesdames Charles Schaefer, E. W. Cowley and Carl W. Foltz.

Plan Poultry Night Party

The Wayne Township Republican Women's Club will hold its annual "Poultry Night" card party at 8:15 p. m. tonight at 2613 W. Washington St. Mrs. Howard Pollard is chairman, assisted by Mesdames William Garbrandt, Love Benefield and Stoughton Flack.

Scouts to Be Guests

Boy Scouts in Troop 22 will be guests at the troop's Mothers' Club at a Christmas party tomorrow in the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. The entertainment committee consists of Mesdames W. W. Rockwood, J. D. Small and C. C. Hargraves.

Fill Christmas Baskets

Christmas baskets for needy families will be filled by Gamma Chapter members of Rho Delta Sorority meeting at 8 o'clock this evening at the home of Miss Margaret Doughty, 1016 N. Oakland Ave.

Peggy Kiser Entertains

Sigma Chapter of Rho Delta Sorority will meet at 7:30 p. m. tonight at the home of Miss Peggy Kiser, 741 Wallace St.

Exchange Gifts

Y. A. M. Club members will exchange gifts at a Christmas meeting tonight at the home of Miss Betty Markey.

Travel News— Pulls New Streamliner



Engine of the "South Wind" with Engineer G. C. Dodson and 3-year-old John E. Allen, who wanted to see how his model train looked beside a big one. John is the son of Dr. Paul VanB. Allen of 3055 N. Meridian St.

Crack Florida Train to Stop Here Thursday

For the first time in history, Indianapolis is to be included in the route of a streamliner.

Thursday at 1:02 p. m., the Pennsylvania's newest and fastest train—the "South Wind"—will pick some dozen passengers en route from Chicago to Miami. Thereafter, the sleek maroon and gold steam train will make the trip every third day.

Last Friday the "South Wind" set a new speed record for the Indianapolis-Chicago run, whipping over the 202 miles in 3 hours and 19 minutes. The cars had been brought here from the Edward G. Budd Mfg. Co. in Philadelphia and assembled for the pre-inaugural trip.

Christened Yesterday
Yesterday the streamliner was christened in ceremonies at Chicago and then opened to public inspection. Leaving here at 1:05 p. m. the new all-coach all-steel train will reach Miami at 4:10 p. m. the following day, cutting nearly five hours from the present schedule, heretofore the fastest in railroad history.

The new train has 258 individual reclining coach seats, all of which will be reserved. There are four full-length coaches and a combination baggage-dormitory car behind the 280-ton engine. At night the seats are adjustable for sleeping.

Lounge Has Tavern
Center of the train's social life will be the 85-foot observation-lounge-tavern car. In the solarium (which takes the place of an observation platform) and the main lounge section are 35 deeply cushioned upholstered chairs which passengers may arrange to suit themselves.

Passengers on the "South Wind" will ride at the regular coach fare with no additional charges. One-way from Indianapolis to Miami costs \$19.75 and a round-trip completed within 15 days costs \$35.65. Returning, departure from Miami will be at 6:25 p. m. arriving in Indianapolis at 7:27 p. m. the following day.

Stanley WCTU Unit to Meet

The Elizabeth Stanley Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Brookside United Brethren Church. A regular business session will be directed by Mrs. Beulah Lewis, president.

At the close of the session a Christmas party will be given for a group of small children from the Wheeler Mission and the children of the primary department of the Brookside Sunday School. A program will be presented by the children and refreshments will be served. The committee in charge includes Mesdames Leon Slack, R. H. Wickes and R. A. Webber.

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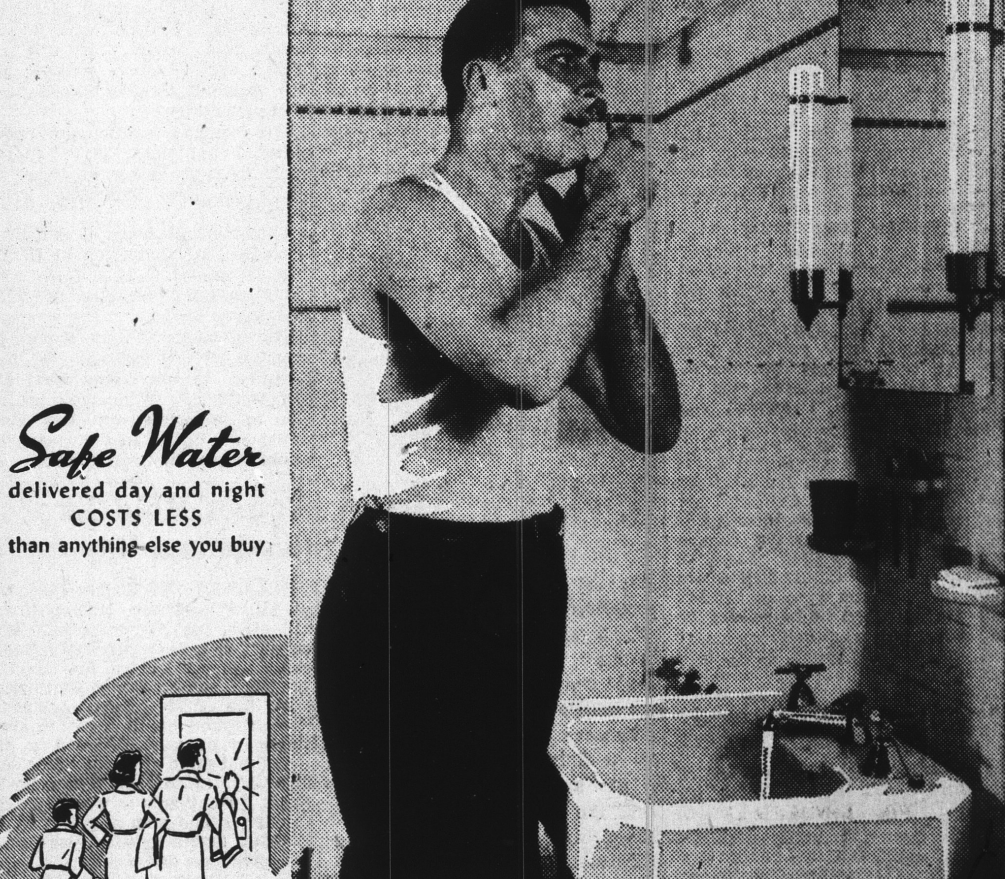
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